

State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC)
July 18-19, 2013

Overview of the Board of Education

What the Board Is...

- Nine members appointed by Governor
- Serve statewide
- Staggered four-year terms (two-term maximum)
- Works with Superintendent of Public Instruction who is appointed by Governor (Superintendent serves as Board Secretary)

What the Board Does...

In accordance with Article VII, § 4, of the Constitution of Virginia, the general supervision of the public school system in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be vested in the Board of Education. Main duties include:

- Setting statewide curriculum standards;
- Establishing high school graduation requirements;
- Determining qualifications for classroom teachers, principals, and other education personnel;
- Establishing state testing and assessment programs;
- Establishing standards for accreditation of local school divisions and preparation programs for teachers and administrators;
- Implementing the No Child Left Behind Act and administering federal assistance programs;
- Developing rules and regulations for the administration of state programs;
- Revising the Standards of Quality; and
- Approving Textbooks.

What the Board Does Not Do...

- Pass laws
- Run local schools
- Fund schools
- Hire Superintendent

Overview of the Board's Procedures...

- February of even numbered years – elect President and Vice President
- Adopts schedule of meetings in September of the previous year
- All meetings held at VDOE – 22nd Floor Conference Room of the James Monroe Building, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond VA 23219
- No vote by proxy
- Typical business session agenda
 - Moment of silence
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Approval of minutes

- Resolutions of recognition
- Public comment
- Consent agenda
- Action/Discussion items
 - Final Review
 - First Review
- Reports
- Discussion of current issues
- Executive session
- Adjourn
- Board agenda items are posted 7 days in advance of the meeting
- Board's Committees
 - Standing Committees – Board members and non-Board members; appointed by President
 - Charter School Committee
 - College Partnership Laboratory Schools Committee
 - Committee on School & Division Accountability
 - Committee on the Standards of Quality
 - Advisory Committees – members appointed by the Board, except as specified by federal law or regulation
 - Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL)
 - Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted (VACEG)
 - State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC)
 - Advisory Committee on Adult Education & Literacy
 - Advisory Committee for Career & Technical Education

How to Contact the Board...

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